

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 740
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Thomas Patrick
Seigenthaler of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Thomas Patrick Seigenthaler; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seigenthaler was an exemplary civic leader and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Seigenthaler served with acumen and alacrity as one of the nation's finest public relations executives. As head of his own firm, he earned the trust and respect of business and civic leaders and politicians far and wide; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, after graduating from Father Ryan High School and the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Mr. Seigenthaler worked as a commercial artist and, seven years later became Southeastern Vice President of W.G. Borchert Public Relations in New York. In 1972, he founded what was to become a very successful public relations firm; and

WHEREAS, a prolific artist and fly fisherman, Mr. Seigenthaler was very involved in the community, teaching art classes for the homeless, and was involved with several Nashville organizations, including the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce, Meharry Medical College, and the Greater Nashville Arts Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Seigenthaler was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Seigenthaler enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Veronica Strobel-Seigenthaler, and was the proud father of Katherine Seigenthaler, Elizabeth Seigenthaler Courtney, Amy Seigenthaler Pierce, and Maria Seigenthaler; he will be sorely missed by his five grandchildren and his siblings, Bob Seigenthaler, John Seigenthaler, Ann Murphy, Alice Valiquette, Joan Miller, and Evalyne Pace; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Seigenthaler leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Thomas Patrick Seigenthaler, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Seigenthaler.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.